Dewan's reply.—Evidently there is a desire to swell the returns of Revenue cases. We shall issue a circular on the subject. The less we have of Revenue cases the better.

Subject No. 356.

Prejudice of raiyats' rights to and privileges in District Forests.

Summary of discussion.—During the time of Mr. Russell, Assistant Conservator of Forests, certain jungles were reserved with the promise that free grazing would be allowed in these reserved tracts. Now the Forest Department do not allow such grazing. Moreover District Forests reserved for raiyats' use and privileges are overworked by the issue of licenses to cut timber and Railway fuel therein. Raiyats were told that the District Forests were being reserved and conserved for their benefit. Refusal of grazing to raiyats and cutting of timber for Government Depôts and fuel for Railway is not the way of benefiting raiyats. It is requested that this should be remedied.

Dewan's reply.—Inquiries will be made and needful orders given.

Subject No. 357.

Improvement of channels and channel fed tanks in Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Improvement of the Hanumantapur and Uddur Nalas and repair of the tanks fed by them in flood time which supply water to the fields when the river is low and the channels do not run full is a subject which was submitted last year and which calls for the early consideration and action of Government Public Works Department.

Dewan's reply.—The subject is receiving attention in the Public Works Department and a special officer is being deputed to get up the necessary project.

Subject No. 358.

Remission of assessment on lands below channels and channel fed tanks in the Heggaddevankote Taluks.

Summary of discussion.—Pending such improvement and in years like the present when crops have been wholly or partially lost, remissions of assessment should be granted.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will inquire at jamabandi time. Inquiry will be made as to the prevailing rates of wet assessment and the nature of the water supply contemplated when the rates were fixed. If necessary the assessment may be temporarily reduced.

Subject No. 359.

Free copy of the Gazette to every Shekdar and every Member of the Dasara Representative Assembly.

Summary of discussion.—Every Shekdar and every Member of the Representative Assembly should be supplied with a copy of the Mysore Government Gazette free of charge just as Shanbhogs and Patels have been ordered to be supplied at half rates.

Dewan's reply.—Shekdars get their orders from the Taluk easily enough. The others can pay for the Gazette; the subscription is not heavy.

Subject No. 360.

Finality of Deputy Commissioner's decisions under Section 32 of the Land Revenue Code.

Summary of discussion.—According to Section 32, para 2, Land Revenue Code, officials whose pay is less than Rs. 40 have no chance of appealing to Government against any order, fining, suspending, reducing or dismissing them, passed by the Deputy Commissioner. This is a great hardship to such officials. The Section should be amended.

Dewan's reply.—But the Government is at liberty to revise the Deputy Commissioner's Proceedings. (See Sections 217 and 218 of the Land Revenue Code) and that is sufficient.

Subject No. 361.

Repair of Varadarajaswami temple at Heggaddevankote.

Summary of discussion.—The temple of Varadarajaswami in the town was established by Janamejayaraya. The building is an ancient one and of architectural importance. It is at present in a dilapidated condition. The car festival of the Swami had for a long time been given up as the car was out of order. The towns-people raised subscriptions among themselves and got the car repaired and thus the festival has been revived. The town being small and the inhabitants few, they are unable to undertake the repairs of the temple. They therefore pray that the Government may be pleased to order the repairs being carried out from the Muzarayi General Surplus Fund. Mr. C. Srinivasaiengar (now District Judge) once visited the town and inspected the temple and recommended its repairs. A little repair in time would avert the necessity for much greater repair and expenditure in the future. The people have collected a few contributions and are doing something. But Government help is necessary.

Dewan's reply.—See reply in Subject No. 335 *supra*. The Muzarayi Department will be asked to see to this.

Subject No. 362.

Proposed Biderhalli anikat in Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—We were told last year (*vide* Subject No. 256 of last year's Proceedings) that owing to the malarious character of the place, the Bidarhalli anikat and channels would not be undertaken. It is submitted that the tract through which this channel is proposed to run is not malarious. Kakankote being surrounded by forests is somewhat unhealthy. Even so the climate affects only foreigners much and this is natural as change of climate brings on sickness; but more than half the people of Antarsante, Hoblipur and other places suffer much for want of water. Without the proposed channel, there is no means of people earning a livelihood from wet cultivation. The channel will also prove remunerative to Government.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 363.

Anikat across the Cauvery river at Fraserpet.

Summary of discussion.—Lakshmantirthakatte is a small river, the wet lands irrigated by its channel do not get sufficient water-supply and year after year there is complaint and loss. It is the opinion of a person experienced in such matters, that if the former anikat across the Cauvery at Kusalnagar (Fraserpet) be repaired, the scarcity of water that at present exists in Hunsur and Heggaddevankote will cease. Very probably the Kukarhalli Tank at Mysore may also be served thereby.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. *Vide* also reply in Subject Nos. 294 and 318 *supra*.